REMARKS

Claims 1 to 15 remain pending in the application, of which Claims 1 and 13 to 15 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claim 15 is allowable.

Claims 1 to 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to meet the written description requirement. Specifically, the Office Action alleges that "[t]he specification fails to adequately describe a controller that [is] adapted to decrease [the] variable packet size of the image data in proportion to a decrease in the interval of sound data." However, Applicant disagrees and therefore, the rejections are traversed.

In this regard, the Examiner's attention to Figure 3 and the accompanying description in the specification at page 11, line 22 to page 15 line 19. As can be readily seen in Figure 3, lines (g) and (h) depict a sound data ratio of 1/3, where 3 image data packets are transmitted for each sound packet. In lines (e) and (f), the ratio is increased so that 2 image packets are transmitted for each sound packet. Thus, the variable packet size of the image data is decreased (from 3 packets to 2 packet) in proportion to the decrease in transmission interval (from 1 every 3 timing periods to 1 every 2 timing periods) of the sound packets. Likewise, as seen in lines (c) and (d), the sound data ratio is increased to the maximum ration of 1/1. Thus, the variable packet size of the image data packets is again decreased in proportion to the decrease in the transmission interval for the sound data packets. Accordingly, all of Claims 1 to 14 are believed to fully comply with the written description requirement of § 112, first paragraph.

In view of the foregoing remarks, all of Claims 1 to 15 are believed to be allowable. Accordingly, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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